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For this continuation application of currently pending Serial No. 09/427,954, which is a continuation of U.S. Patent 6,181,981, please make the following amendments to the specification and claims. If any additional fees are required in association with this amendment, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge them to deposit account 50-1732.

**In the Specification**

Please insert the page entitled "Appendix – Computer Source Code" before the computer source code in the appendix.

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# Appendix - Computer Source Code

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